

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, in the Borough of Watchung, we have a long history of helping our neighbors in need and American Red Cross Month is a special time to recognize and thank our Everyday Heroes – those selfless Red Cross volunteers and donors who give of their time and resources to help community members; and

Whereas, these heroes help families find shelter after a home fire, they give blood to help trauma victims and cancer patients, they deliver comfort items to military members in the hospital, they use their lifesaving skills to save someone from a heart attack, drowning, or choking, and they enable children around the globe to be vaccinated from measles and rubella; and

Whereas, the American Red Cross depends on local heroes to deliver help and hope during a disaster and we applaud our heroes here in the Borough of Watchung who give of themselves to assist their neighbors when they need a helping hand; and

Whereas, across the country and around the world, the American Red Cross responds to disasters big and small, and in fact, every eight minutes the organization responds to a community disaster, providing shelter, food, emotional support and other necessities to those affected; and

Whereas, the American Red Cross collects 40 percent of the nation's blood supply, provides 24-hour support to military members, veterans and their families; teaches millions lifesaving skills, such as lifeguarding and CPR; and through its Restoring Family Links program, connects family members separated by crisis, conflict, or migration; and

Whereas, we dedicate the month of March to all those who support the American Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor of the Borough of Watchung, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as:

AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH

in the Borough of Watchung and encourage all citizens to support this organization and its noble humanitarian mission.

Date: March 1, 2018



Stephen K. Pote, Mayor